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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Inventors: **Blucher**
Our Ref: 2102.0010000

Dear Examiner Castellano:

Following up on my telephone call to request a 30 minute personal interview, I am submitting the following information.

We have a specimen of the assignee's product as disclosed in the specification. We have also put together a physical model of the structure in U.S. Patent 3,549,451 to Kugler. In discussing the case in our office, we have found that these three-dimensional models make it possible to better appreciate some specific differences between the structures.

We would like to identify those structural differences for you and discuss them briefly with reference to the models. We would also like to discuss some of the claims, such as claims 32 and 36, that recite features that are not found in Kugler or obtained by combining the Kugler teachings with other references.

I appreciate that your time is valuable and would not request an interview after final merely to rehash old arguments. This is a case where we can accomplish more in a few minutes face-to-face than in many hours exchanging written documents. Thank you for your consideration; feel free to call me at 202-772-8810. If I don't hear from you I will call tomorrow to follow up.

Respectfully submitted,

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